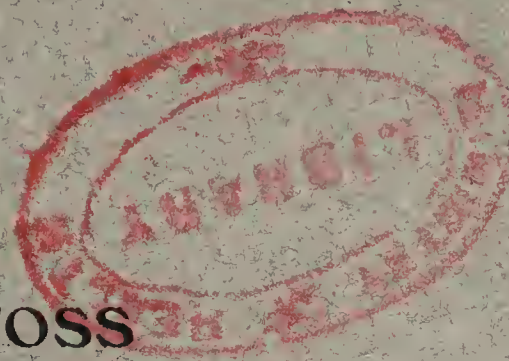


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To the Norman Cross Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December 1944.

The report has been constructed on similar lines to the arrangement adopted for reasons of security in last year's report.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health V. D. BUCHANAN, L.R.C.P. & S. Ed.

Sanitary Inspector H. W. HAWKINS, A.R.S.I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

LIVE BIRTHS

Birth Rate per 1000 population 21.7

STILL BIRTHS

Rate per 1000 total births 5.7

DEATHS

Death rate per 1000 population 13.6

Deaths from Puerperal Causes
rate per 1000 total births Nil

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of age:--

All infants per 1,000 live births	63
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	54
Illegitimate „ „ „ illegitimate „ „	200
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	12
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1

RATES

	Per 1,000 Population			Per 1,000 Live Births
	Live Births	Still Births	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality
Norman Cross R.D.C.	21.7	0.12	13.6	63.2
England & Wales	17.6	0.50	11.6	46

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The provision of health services within the area generally remains unaltered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

No undertakings of any importance have been carried out during the past twelve months and generally the circumstances are unaltered.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The routine visits of inspection in connection with this work have been carried out as in past years.

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SIR,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

Total No. of Inspections made 191

„ „ „ Notices served ... 9

(Informal ... 6 Statutory ... 3)

Complaints received	Total No. of	8
Premises, houses, etc.	No. inspected	191
	Nuisances abated	7
Pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse	No. inspected	3
	Nuisances abated	2
Animals improperly kept	No. inspected	Nil
	Nuisances abated	Nil
Privy, urinal, cesspool, ashpit	No. inspected	5
	Nuisances abated	5
Drain, Drain-traps, etc., etc.	No. inspected	83
	Nuisances abated	4
House, or part thereof, overcrowded	No. inspected	Nil
	Nuisances abated	Nil
Smoke nuisances	No. of observations	Nil
	Nuisances abated	Nil
Offensive accumulations	No. inspected	Nil
	Nuisances abated	Nil
Other sanitary conditions	No. inspected	2
	Nuisances abated	2
Slaughter houses	No. licensed or registered	10
	No. of inspections	Nil
Offensive trades (Health Act 1936)	No. established	Nil
	No. of inspections	Nil
Housing Act, 1936	No. houses condemned	Nil
	No. closed	Nil
	No. cleaned and limewashed	Nil
Food—seizures of unwholesome	No. of	Nil

Infectious Disease	{	Houses affected with Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Erysipelas	33
		Houses inspected	14
		No. of inspections	14
		Houses disinfected	14
		Schools	Nil
		Disinfectant used Formalin	
		Lots of clothing disinfected	Nil
		„ „ destroyed	Nil
Privy Middens	{	New provided	Nil
		No. repaired	Nil
		No converted to pails	Nil
		No. converted to W.C's	Nil
Pail or Earth Closets	{	New provided	Nil
		No. converted to W.C's	1
Water closets	{	New provided	1
		No. supplied with water	1
Ashbins	{	New provided	Nil
Water supply	{	Samples taken for analysis	Nil
		„ condemned	Nil
		Wells closed	Nil
		Wells cleansed, repaired, etc.	Nil
		Public supply substituted for well or pond	Nil
		Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered	Nil
		Waste pipes disconnected from drain	Nil
Housing, etc., Act, 1936	{	No. houses closed	Nil
		„ „ made habitable	Nil
		„ „ demolished	Nil
Building Bye Laws adopted			15/7/39
Total Legal Proceedings, <i>i.e.</i> , Summonses, etc.			Nil
Convictions			Nil

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1937.

Factories	{	Total number on Register (including bakehouses)	33
		No. in which nuisances abated	Nil
Bakehouses	{	No. on register	8
		No. in which nuisances abated	Nil
Homework	{	No. of outworkers	Nil
		No. of Houses	Nil
		No. of infected houses	Nil

H. W. HAWKINS,
Sanitary Inspector.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The incidence of notifiable diseases throughout the area remained low, whooping cough and measles being the most prevalent.

The incidence of Scabies reported in the District for the past twelve months has been very small.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

At the close of the year, 31st December, 1944, the percentage of the child population of the District, who had received Diphtheria prophylactic treatment was as follows:—

- (a) Children between 1 and 5 years of age 40.3%
- (b) Children between 5 and 15 years of age 89%

The proportion of children between 5 and 15 years of age who have been immunised is considered satisfactory, whereas the immunised proportion of children between 1 and 5 years of age—the age group in which the disease is most prevalent and most fatal—cannot under any circumstances be considered satisfactory. The large number of children who have received this treatment has no doubt influenced the low incidence of Diphtheria in the area.

As regards immunisation against whooping cough the efficacy of the method of artificial protection cannot be said to be fully established yet.

Tuberculosis.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
5	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—
15	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
35	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards.....	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTAL:—	1	3	3	2	2	—	2	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936 dealing with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

V. D. BUCHANAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

